The Lakewood Township Committee held a Meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2015 in the Lakewood Municipal Building, at 5:30 PM for the Workshop/Executive Session and 7:30 PM for the Public Meeting, with the following present:

Mayor	Albert D. Akerman
Deputy Mayor	
Committee Members	Raymond Coles
	Michael J. D'Elia
	Meir Lichtenstein
Municipal Manager	Thomas Henshaw
Municipal Attorney	Steven Secare, Esq.
Municipal Clerk	Kathryn Cirulli

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, <u>N.J.S.A</u>. 10:4-6, and published in the Asbury Park Press on January 8, 2015 and amended on June 16, 2015 via email.

**ROLL CALL** 

CLOSED SESSION Resolution No. 2015-214

**ROLL CALL** 

#### SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PRAYER

#### **OPEN SESSION**

Motion by Committeeman Coles, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein, and carried, to open the meeting.

## **MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF: June 11, 2015**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Miller, second by Committeeman D'Elia, and carried, to approve the above Minutes. Committeeman Coles did not vote.

# MOTION TO APPROVE WORKSHOP AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: June 11, 2015

Motion by Deputy Mayor Miller, second by Committeeman D'Elia, and carried, to approve the above Closed Session Minutes. Committeeman Coles did not vote.

## **2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

## ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING (SECOND READING JULY 9, 2015)

Calendar Year 2015 - Model Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Deputy Mayor Miller, second by Committeeman D'Elia.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman D'Elia, Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Akerman.

Ordinance No. 2014-41 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on July 9, 2015.

# **RESOLUTION – Introduction of 2015 Municipal Budget**

Mayor Akerman advised that this year they will be introducing a flat budget.

The Township Clerk read this Resolution into the record.

# **Introduction of 2015 Municipal Budget**

Mayor Akerman advised that the public hearing on the 2015 Municipal Budget will be held on July 23, 2015.

Deputy Mayor Miller thanked Mayor Akerman, and the Manager, Tom Henshaw, for their work on the budget, and keeping it to a flat budget for this year.

Mayor Akerman thanked the entire Committee and Committeeman D'Elia, as Co-Liaison, on budget matters, as well as the Manager, Tom Henshaw.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Miller, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein, to approve the introduction of the 2015 Municipal Budget.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman D'Elia, Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Akerman.

Resolution No. 2015-215 – Adopted.

**PRESENTATIONS - None** 

# **ORDINANCE FOR DISCUSSION - None**

## **QUALITY OF LIFE**

Mayor Akerman reviewed quality of life items from the previous meeting.

With regard to the request by Committeeman D'Elia for the Engineer to contact the State to see if they can get a left turn signal at Central Avenue and River Avenue, and Prospect Street and River Avenue, Deputy Mayor Miller advised they received a memo from the State asking for the Township to do a Resolution to be forwarded to them. As

long as the Township Committee is willing to pay twenty-five percent (25%) of the cost, the State will be willing to install the traffic lights.

The request of Mayor Akerman for the State to also look at James Street and Route 9, was also included in the memo, as well as the request of Committeeman Lichtenstein for the State to look at Route 9 and Kennedy Boulevard.

Committeeman Lichtenstein asked if the State will be notifying the Township of the total cost prior to the installation of the traffic lights.

Mayor Akerman advised that the Committeeman should have discussed this matter in Executive Session, but they did not, but will be discussing these matters tomorrow, as well as additional State issues.

Committeeman Lichtenstein offered a Resolution for the Township to very possibly participate in the payment of twenty-five percent (25%) payment after they are advised what the cost will be, in order to install three (3) traffic signals at the intersections of Central Avenue and River Avenue, James Street and Route 9, and Route 9 and Kennedy Boulevard. A second to the Motion was offered by Deputy Mayor Miller. On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman D'Elia, Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Akerman.

Mayor Akerman that both he and Deputy Mayor Miller were at the County this week, and he meant to bring it up at Executive Session but did not, but he would gladly accept a Motion for a Resolution for the installation of a traffic signal at Cedarbridge Avenue and Avenue of the Americas. The County advised they will gladly do it if the Township passes a Resolution, with no cost to the municipality.

Committeeman Lichtenstein offered a Resolution approving the matter of the County installing a traffic signal at Cedarbridge Avenue and Avenue of the Americas, with no cost to the municipality. A second to the Motion was offered by Committeeman D'Elia.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman D'Elia, Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Akerman.

Deputy Mayor Miller advised they need one more Resolution for the County to look into the installation of a traffic signal at Cedarbridge Avenue and Vine Street.

Committeeman Lichtenstein offered a Motion for a Resolution for the County to look into the installation of a traffic signal at Cedarbridge Avenue and Vine Street. A second was offered by Committeeman D'Elia.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman D'Elia, Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Akerman.

Mayor Akerman confirmed that they do not have to do anything else, that these are passed Resolutions.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments from the public will be heard for a limit of one (1) hour. Each speaker will have four (4) minutes and shall be limited to one time at the podium.

Mayor Akerman opened the meeting to the public.

Bill Hobday, 30 Schoolhouse Lane – Commented on the intersection of Chestnut Street and New Hampshire Avenue. He feels that it is one of the worst intersections in the Township, and is getting worse, with the increased population. People are ignoring the "Do Not Block the Box" at this intersection, approaching Route 70, and Route 70 does not permit turn arrows or turns. He feels this is wrong. All the traffic heading north on New Hampshire Avenue that wishes to go into Lakewood has to pass Route 70 and come up to Chestnut Street and go through the residential area. All the traffic going south adds to the confusion, because this is where Chestnut Street enters as well as the loop from Route 70, and everybody is trying to get into the same space. He feels a traffic signal is needed at this intersection of Chestnut Street and New Hampshire Avenue, and that the State should be encouraged to permit turns, with arrows, from Route 70.

Mayor Akerman advised that since the Township Engineer is not present this evening, he will request him to reach out to the County with regard to the request for a traffic signal at Chestnut Street and New Hampshire, and to also reach out to the State as to turning arrows at the intersection for Route 70 and New Hampshire Avenue.

Larry Simons, 7 Schoolhouse Court – Commented with regard to his request for assistance from the Committee concerning matters to be investigated by the Inspection Department, to which he did not receive responses or any follow-up to his request.

Mayor Akerman apologized to Mr. Simons for not getting back to him, and understands his frustration, but he receives two to three hundred phone calls every single day, and hundreds of e-mails. Right now he has two hundred twenty-seven unread text messages, and three hundred eighty-eight unread e-mails from the last two days. Things get lost in his inbox and call log, and there is no way physically that he can get back to every person who reaches out to him.

Deputy Mayor Miller also apologized to Mr. Simons, and offered to stay after the meeting to discuss the issues.

Mayor Akerman added he is the Liaison to the Inspection Department and he should be the one to be handling it.

Mr. Simons requested to discuss the matters with Mayor Akerman after the meeting.

Committeeman Lichtenstein also apologized to Mr. Simons. He thought that the Liaison was handling the matter.

Committeeman D'Elia apologized to Mr. Simons. He thought the issues were addressed and he does not know why it was not taken care of.

Deputy Mayor Miller added they will take care of it.

Noreen Gill, 192 Coventry Drive – Commented with regard to Inspection Department issues and problems she has had with the personnel over the past year. Further commented on the Lakewood Township bus service, and asked if it goes to the Shop-Rite in Howell.

Deputy Mayor Miller advised they have cleared it with the Township's insurance carrier, and the bus will continue to bring residents to the Shop-Rite in Howell.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Akerman closed the meeting to the public.

At this time, the professionals left the meeting.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The items listed below are considered to be routine by the Township of Lakewood and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

- Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, New Jersey, Authorizing the Sale of Public Property. Resolution No. 2015-216
- 2. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Tax Collector to Refund an Over Payment (Block 782, Lot 21)
  Resolution No. 2015-217
- 3. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Agreeing to Enter Into the Joint Planning Process with the Township of Lakewood and the Department of Transportation for the Development of an Access Management Plan.

  Resolution No. 2015-218

- 4. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Appointing Jane Coughran to the Position of Acting Deputy Municipal Court Administrator of the Township Of Lakewood.

  Resolution No. 2015-219
- Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey,
   Reducing the Performance Guarantee (Second Reduction) Posted by Joe Parker Homes, LLC, in Connection with ZB #3723 for Block 189.03, Lots 37 40 and 172.
   Resolution No. 2015-220
- 6. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Releasing a Performance Guarantee posted by 40 Airport Acquisition, LLC, in Connection with SP #2007, Block 1160.12, Lot 263 Resolution No. 2015-221
- 7. Resolution Authorizing the Liquor License Renewal for 2015-2016, to Ocean Lanes, Inc., Liquor License No. 1514-33-014-008.

  Resolution No. 2015-222
- 8. Resolution Authorizing the Liquor License Renewal for 2015-2016, to Ruby Tuesday Inc., Liquor License No. 1514-33-012-006.
  Resolution No. 2015-223
- 9. Resolution Authorizing the Liquor License Renewal for 2015-2016, to MGAR Liquors Inc., Liquor License No. 1514-32-022-010. Resolution No. 2015-224
- 10. Resolution Authorizing the Liquor License Renewal for 2015-2016, to Huang Ying, Liquor License No. 1514-33-027-007. Resolution No. 2015-225
- 11. Resolution Authorizing the Liquor License Renewal for 2015-2016, to Town and Country Liquors LLC, Liquor License No. 1514-44-005-011.

  Resolution No. 2015-226
- 12. Resolution Authorizing the Liquor License Renewal for 2015-2016, to S & G Associates Inc., Liquor License No. 1514-44-011-011.

  Resolution No. 2015-227
- 13. Resolution Authorizing the Liquor License Renewal for 2015-2016, to RTR Enterprises, LLC, License No. 1514-44-019-010.

  Resolution No. 2015-228

- Resolution Authorizing the Liquor License Renewal for 2015-2016, to Square Liquors, LLC, Liquor License No. 1514-44-021-005 (Spirits Unlimited).
   Resolution No. 2015-229
- 15. Resolution Authorizing the Liquor License Renewal for 2015-2016, to CB Lakewood, LLC, Liquor License No. 1514-33-018-006-(Charlie Browns). Resolution No. 2015-230
- 16. Resolution Authorizing the Liquor License Renewal for 2015-2016, to American Legion Post 66, Liquor License No. 1514-31-036-001. Resolution No. 2015-231
- 17. Resolution of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending Resolution No. 2015-213 of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Rescinding Its Resolution No. 2014-335 of October 2, 2014 that Denied the Application of L'Chayim Liquors, Inc. tor A Plenary Retail Distribution License and Affirming Resolution No. 2013-172 Accepting the Bid for Purchase of a Class D Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor License. Resolution No. 2015-232
- 18. Resolution Of The Township Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Confirming The Acquisition By The Township Of Lakewood Of Block 309 Lot 2, Block 311 Lot 3, Block 314 Lot 9, Block 326 Lot 4, Block 330 Lot 3, Block 795 Lot 4 And Block 1132 Lot 1, Plus Additional Consideration, In Exchange For The Conveyance By The Township Of Block 461, Lot 1 And Block 472 Lot 1 As Part Of An Exchange Of Lands Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40a:12-16. Resolution No. 2015-233

Motion by Deputy Mayor Miller, second by Committeeman Coles, to approve Resolution Nos. 1 through 18 on the Consent Agenda.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein (abstained on Resolution Nos. 8 and 17), Committeeman D'Elia, Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Akerman.

Resolution Nos. 2015-216 through 2015-233 – Adopted.

# **ORDINANCES SECOND READING**

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Settlement of the Claim of Kenneth Garzo to Ownership of Certain Township Owned Real Property Located in the Township of Lakewood by the Exchange of Certain Lands Within the Township of Lakewood, in Particular, Authorizing the Township of Lakewood to Acquire all of the Interests of Kenneth

Garzo to the Township Properties and Authorizing the Township of Lakewood to Convey Block 1101, Lot 1, Block 1102, Lot 1, Block 1105, Lot 1 and Block 1106, Lot 1, as Part of an Exchange of Lands Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-16.

Read by title only for second reading.

Ordinance No. 2015-31 died due to lack of Motion.

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Private Sale of Block 830 Lots 42 and 43, in the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, at Public Sale Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, Et Seq.

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Akerman opened the meeting to the public.

Joyce Blay, NJ News and Views, 311 Floral Way, Toms River - Asked a question with regard to the previous Ordinance, if the Township had a signed contract with Mr. Garzo.

Mayor Akerman responded that the question is not related to the current Ordinance, but he does not think they do.

Mr. Secare responded no, but the question is not related to this Ordinance.

Mayor Akerman added that her question is related to the previous Ordinance that died.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, the hearing on this Ordinance was closed to the public.

The above Ordinance was offered by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Deputy Mayor Miller.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman D'Elia, Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Akerman.

Ordinance No. 2015-36 adopted on second reading.

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter II "Administration" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lakewood, by Repealing in its Entirety Section 2-20 "Police Department" and Creating a New Section 2-20 "Police Department".

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Akerman opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, the hearing on this Ordinance was closed to the public.

The above Ordinance was offered by Committeeman D'Elia, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman D'Elia, Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Akerman.

Ordinance No. 2015-37 adopted on second reading.

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Establishing the Rules and Regulations for the Lakewood Township Police Department Pursuant to and in Accordance With N.J.S.A.40A:14-118.

Read by title only for second reading.

Mayor Akerman opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, the hearing on this Ordinance was closed to the public.

The above Ordinance was offered by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Committeeman D'Elia.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman D'Elia, Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Akerman.

Ordinance No. 2015-38 adopted on second reading.

## ORDINANCES FIRST READING - Second Reading on July 9, 2015

An Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter XI Entitled "Traffic" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lakewood, Specifically Section 11-21 ("Multiple Stop Intersections"), Subsection 11-21.1 ("Four Way Stops"). Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Deputy Mayor Miller, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein.

Mayor Akerman and Committeeman Lichtenstein thanked Committeeman D'Elia for bringing this matter to their attention.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman D'Elia, Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Akerman.

Ordinance No. 2015-39 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on July 9, 2015.

Ordinance of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Releasing, Extinguishing and Vacating the Rights of the Public of a Portion of a Paper Street Known as Eden Avenue, in the Township of Lakewood.

Read by title only for first reading.

The above Ordinance was offered by Deputy Mayor Miller, second by Committeeman D'Elia.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman D'Elia, Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Akerman.

Ordinance No. 2015-40 adopted on first reading. Second reading and public hearing to be held on July 9, 2015.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Per list of three (3) correspondence items, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

## PARKS AND EVENTS CORRESPONDENCE

Per schedule of picnic/event requests, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein, second by Committeeman D'Elia, and carried, to approve the above correspondence items.

## MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST OF: June 23, 2015

Motion by Deputy Mayor Miller, second by Committeeman D'Elia, to approve the above Bill List.

On Roll Call – Affirmative: Committeeman Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman D'Elia, Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Akerman.

Bill List approved.

## **COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Committeeman Lichtenstein wished everyone a Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>. Fireworks will be held at the Lake on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at approximately 9:30 PM.

Committeeman D'Elia wished everyone a Happy July 4th.

Mayor Akerman advised that if anyone is present with regard to the Ordinance for the Zoning District 40-B, the second reading and public hearing will be heard on July 9, 2015, instead of July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Notices were sent to all affected residents, and they were sent out in time; therefore, they will be able to hold the public hearing on the Ordinance at the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Secare added that no further advertising is required.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Committeeman Coles, second by Committeeman Lichtenstein, and carried, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.